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AMERICA'S NEXT GRAND ERA.

If history has any uses at all, its chief function is to teach us the lessons of human experience. The history of prosperity is the story of commerce, and the story of commerce is the romance of the seas.

Every empire the world has known has had one foot firmly planted in the ocean; every empire has reached its apex only when it sent its merchandise and its merchandise into the markets of the globe, and thus by its industry created fortune. The history of the sea is the history of empire.

When all is said and done, this country of ours is only a strippling in years. But in potential strength a giant and in ambitions a genius, for true genius is the flower which springs from the seed of ambition. In its scant years it has swept mightily forward, resting neither by day nor by night, striving with rich enthusiasm to keep level with the magic advance of its fortunes. So many hundreds of thousands of broad acres were to be explored, so many silver rivers to be traced, so many millions of trees to be measured, and always the catalog of our resources grew longer to challenge our perseverance and stimulate our effort.

But at last the nation stands on its widely-separated shores, ready to seek the world. An empire on land must become an empire on sea. We must become a nation of seafarers. It is as illogical to scorn the traffic of the seas as it would be to turn over the entire inland transportation systems of the country to agents and investors. Where flies the flag over a good ship there goes American industry at its 100 per cent value; it carries with it the guarantee of national integrity; it enriches its people by a legitimate activity, and it establishes sturdy bridges between the man who makes and the man who uses.

As surely as the star of democracy flies over the land so surely is America's next grand era to be found on the seas.

WHEN STRIKING IS MUTINY.

There may be an open question as to the absolute moral right of workmen under contract to strike in many cases. Quebec has been experiencing a situation, however, in which striking and mutiny are perfectly synonymous. The firemen and policemen of that city have struck. It is not shown that there were unusual causes, any emergent stress to occasion the radical action on the part of these firemen and policemen. Indeed, it is uncertain that there could be any provocation sufficiently aggravating to justify these classes of municipal employees and public servants in striking—when a strike on their part affects so seriously a whole city.

No matter what may be the ethics of striking and the "right" to strike with privately-employed workers firemen and policemen are not to be grouped in that class. When firemen and policemen strike their action is mutiny. It is exactly a case parallel with the concerted action of a company of soldiers who refuse to do their duty. Even if soldiers are not adequately paid and if their pay is not given them when due, it is universally recognized that "mutiny" among soldiers or navy men is a crime of the worst sort—for the good reason that on their steadfast loyalty, subordination and reliability depends the safety of a much larger number.

The same argument holds with reference to policemen and firemen. They are servants of the public. They are officers in service for the community, trusted with a responsibility. Policemen are charged with the protection of citizens—their lives and property. When policemen strike they break faith not merely with the city government which, as agent for the people, employs them and pays them, but they prove traitors to all the men and women and little children they have been sworn in to serve in protection.

When firemen strike they do not merely provide the money for their payrolls. Firemen who strike are striking at the people of their own city. Falling down in their duty of protecting the property of the city from fire, they are mutinous.

EASY MONEY.

The name which springs most readily to the lips of Americans

when mention is made of men who played on credulity and other human failings is that of P. T. Barnum. The author of the Hamburgs of the World knew and practiced every method and device by means of which the gullible public could be separated from its money.

Restless and energetic in mind and body, he found no exploit too difficult or hazardous. Indeed, in the language of the day, one may say that "Hazard" should have been Barnum's middle name. Pygmies, giants and people dogs; grizzly bears, white whales, and elephants; freaks and celebrities of all kinds; museums and three-ring circuses; there was little which he could not make people want very much to see, and for their seeing of which he always exacted a price.

He found rest, it was said, only in action; the action only brought him more fame and money. But it is doubtful whether his fame would have been enduring and widespread had he not given the people something worth the price of admission. Even if his Zulu princes were not always of royal blood, even if his fat men did not always measure up to their excessive girth as shown on the billboards, Phineas T. Barnum's name is not among the list of famous impostors.

In the game of playing on men's desire for the strange and unique, Mr. Barnum has today a rival who at least in one respect beats the world-famous showman at his own game. Not in the height of all his financial glory did the latter ever pocket so much coin of the realm on one show as Mr. Tex Rickard deposited in the bank after the gate receipts from the big fight had been counted. Barnum never staged an attraction before a million-dollar crowd of spectators. He fell far short of this.

It may be that there is more money in the sport of the roped arena

PLAN TO PREVENT CUTTING OFF OF COMMUNICATION

(By Associated Press)

DENVER, Colo., July 11.—Plans to prevent the cutting off of any community from communication with the outside world by floods or similar disasters are being worked out by H. H. Buckwalter, of Denver, a wireless telegraph expert. According to Buckwalter, the plan is to be put in statewide operation and will consist of several members in every community in the state organizing to communicate with adjoining communities by any possible means.

"The plan is to utilize every possible means of communication without wires," Mr. Buckwalter explained. "If there is a repetition of the Pueblo disaster and the ordinary means of communication are rendered useless, several persons in the isolated area can send out distress signals and calls for help to the surrounding country. Wireless telephones and telegraph sets, of course, will be the principal equipment. Plans for constructing small emergency sets are being prepared and will be sent out to all parts of the state. The material can be obtained at any garage."

In a recent series of tests, a party went out about 20 miles from Denver with a small crystal receiving set. They carried a short piece of wire which was shot over a tree by means of a bow and arrow, and received wireless messages from Denver. They replied with an automobile spotlight, equipped with a sending key, and the messages were received by Mr. Buckwalter in Denver.

Additional tests along such lines will be conducted, according to Mr. Buckwalter.

than there is in the business of the legitimate manager. By some strange process of calculation it may be possible to prove that if a three-ring circus is worth 50 cents to see, then a prize fight ought to be worth \$50. Which does not keep the rest of us from crediting Mr. Barnum with a good bit of worldly wisdom when he said something to the effect about one being born every minute.

UNIQUE SIGN IS AN EFFECTIVE CURE FOR FAST DRIVING

(By Associated Press)

AMESBURY, Mass., July 11.—"Go slow and see our town; go fast and see our jail."

This combined invitation and admonition posted conspicuously along the state highway has proved an effective means of stopping automobile speeding.

Tourists from Boston to resorts in New Hampshire and Maine pass through Amesbury in large numbers and the good roads have tempted fast traveling. As the levy of small fines had no material effect on the number of speedsters, Chief of Police decided to post the signs.

Their effectiveness was shown by the fact that on the first Sunday the signs appeared there were no overnight guests at the police station.

TAKE UP CASES OF DISABLED SOLDIERS

(By Associated Press)

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 11.—Officials of the American Legion, representatives of the war risk insurance bureau, public health service and federal board of vocational education will meet here early in August, according to Legion officers, for the purpose of discussing closer cooperation in behalf of disabled former service men.

The Legion has received word of the appointment of Carlos A. Pennington, assistant director of the bureau of war risk insurance, as contact officer between the Legion and the government bureau.

VALUABLE VASE IS DISCOVERED IN RUINS

(By Associated Press)

ATHENS, July 11.—Excavations being carried on at Delphi by the French school in Athens has resulted in the discovery in a tomb of a vase believed to be of great value because it bears the signature of the noted ceramist Pharides, only two pieces of whose work have hitherto been extant.

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